



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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### Situation Report Severe Storms & Flooding May 8, 2007, 6pm

#### UPDATED INFORMATION IS IN BOLD

#### SUMMARY

A line of severe spring thunderstorms swept across western Missouri on Sunday drenching the western portion of Missouri and eastern Kansas and Nebraska with heavy rains, some hail, and high winds. This same storm system brought devastating tornadoes to Central Kansas and Northern Oklahoma over the weekend. The rains from this system have been filling streams and rivers because the ground was saturated by last week's rain events. This has caused flooding in northwest Missouri along the Missouri River and its tributaries. **NO federal levees have been breached. Approximately 20 non-federal levees have been overtopped.**

On Monday, Governor Blunt declared a State of Emergency and activated the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). The SEOC will be staffed by state agencies on a 24-hour basis until further notice. The Governor also ordered National Guard Liaison Officers to local jurisdictions across the impacted area to begin coordination efforts on potential assistance. The Governor also waived certain transportation restrictions on commercial vehicles responding to relief efforts. **Today, Governor Blunt visited areas impacted by flooding and met with local emergency coordinators to help ensure state emergency resources are reaching those in need. Other actions the Governor has taken include issuing four Executive Orders for:**

- o **Activating the Missouri Operations Plan and State Agency Resources.**
- o **Activating the Missouri National Guard.**
- o **Authorized Department of Natural Resources to expediate disaster cleanup.**
- o **Allow state employees to volunteer for a recognized voluntary organization or donate time for leave-share for employees impacted by statewide flooding.**

#### County Reports

**Andrew County**—EOC was activated on Monday morning. Flooding still reported in Nodaway and Rosendale but water levels are dropping. About 20 county roads and a half-dozen state roads are closed. No evacuation problems.

**Atchison County**—County commission declared an emergency on Monday. Flooding along the Tarkio River caused MoDOT to close Highway 59 south of the junction with Highway 136. Other local Highways have been closed. Water plants in Tarkio and Fairfax are being threatened by rising water. Three homes and 10 businesses in Tarkio may be affected.

**Boone County**—County EOC was activated as of 7am today in Columbia.

**Buchanan County**—Officials say the city of Agency continues to be surrounded by flooded roads. Only a few residents have remained in the town. They also continue to monitor possible flooding problems near Rushville and Lewis & Clark Lake. The County EOC closed at 1pm today. Over 64-thousand sandbags have been filled in the county.

**Cass County**—Officials report 32 people were evacuated Monday. It's believed only one structure suffered damage and the shelter was closed Monday night.

**Carroll County**—There are four places where levees have been overtopped. Highway 10 remains closed today (Tuesday). The EOC is not open at this time and there are no reports of damage.

**Chariton County**—Officials are monitoring several levees but reporting no problems or needs for assistance at this time.

**Clay County**—Officials report two breaches in the levee near Missouri City. Pumping and sandbagging work continues, and some residents are evacuating. The EOC continues to be open. Officials report extensive flooding from Fishing River in Mosby. A breach of a private dam near Kearney is also being closely monitored.

**Cooper County**—The EOC remains open today. Officials expect some minor problems with flooding and sewer manhole containments.

**Daviess County**—Three businesses and one home are reported close to having flood water in them this (Tuesday) afternoon. Officials were evacuating people from homes and businesses in low-lying areas on Monday. Grand River near Gallatin is expected to crest today, but will likely remain above flood stage until Friday.

**DeKalb County**—Flood waters are reportedly receding. A mobile home park near Cameron was evacuated, with 32 people and 11 animals being rescued. The American Red Cross assisted in shelter needs for those residents needing it.

**Howard County**—At least one county road is said to be closed. Farmers in the New Franklin area are attempting to move grain out of the elevator there. A good supply of sandbags are on hand.

**Holt County**—Officials have declared an emergency and the EOC was activated. Calls into the county 911 center have had to be diverted to Atchison County and cell phone coverage is also reportedly a problem. Evacuations were underway in Craig because of levee breaches. Several water rescues had to be made in the Big Lake area and requests have been made for additional officers to respond to the scene to help secure the area.

**Jackson County**—The county's East EOC remains open today (Tuesday). Significant flash flooding was reported in flood-prone areas. Water levels are going down today (Tuesday) and shelters have been closed. About 10 county roads remain flooded. An estimated 10-15 homes were affected by the flooding. A break early today (Tuesday) on a water main has forced local officials to issue a Boil Water Order for about 160,000 residents, including the city of Independence.

**Lafayette County**—Officials report high water in and around Lexington. Sandbagging work is continuing at the city's water and sewer treatment plants, as well as at the Waverly grain elevator. Sandbagging also going on at an overtopped levee north of Grand Pass. No reports of any road, bridge or structural damage in the county to this point.

**Moniteau County**—Officials are organizing a sandbagging operation on Highway 179 at Sandy Hook. Residents report the Missouri River is creeping up into backyards in the area.

**Montgomery County**—County officials report no damage yet, but are monitoring the possibility of some flooding occurring late tonight (Tuesday) or early tomorrow (Wednesday).

**Nodaway County**—Officials report numerous roads and highways under water, but no significant damage to homes or businesses at this time. Heavy traffic is being reported on Highway 71 and 136 due to closure of I-29 in Holt County.

**Platte County**—Officials report evacuations continue in Parkville. Disaster declarations have been made for cities of Parkville and Riverside, as well as for the county. EOCs in all three jurisdictions are now open. A large park in Parkville is underwater and several businesses are threatened. Water is overtopping some levees and several homes have possibly been damaged also. In Riverside, numerous businesses as well as the City Park are being affected by high water. Two roads are closed in Riverside due to high water.

**Warren County**—Officials have yet opened up the EOC but are monitoring the situation upstream to see how they might be affected later this week by flooding.

LOCATION	LATEST		DAY/TIME	FORECAST
	FS	STAGE		
MISSOURI RIVER				
ST JOSEPH	17	25.1	TUE 03 PM	25.1 THIS EVENING
ATCHISON	22	29.0	TUE 01 PM	27.8 THIS EVENING
LEAVENWORTH	20	25.6	TUE 10 AM	25.9 EARLY WED. MORNING
KANSAS CITY	32	35.2	TUE 03 PM	36.0 EARLY WED. AFTERNOON
SIBLEY	22	32.6	TUE 11 AM	33.0 WEDNESDAY MORNING
NAPOLEON	17	28.5	TUE 11 AM	28.6 THIS EVENING
WAVERLY	20	30.1	TUE 03 PM	30.0 EARLY WED. MORNING
MIAMI	18	27.9	TUE 08 AM	29.6 THURSDAY MORNING
GLASGOW	25	31.2	TUE 03 PM	36.0 FRIDAY MORNING
BOONVILLE	21	25.8	TUE 03 PM	33.3 FRIDAY EVENING

LOCATION	FLD STG	LATEST		05/09	7AM FORECAST				
		OBS	STG		05/10	05/11	05/12	05/13	
JEFFERSON CITY	23	23.4		26.3	30.4	32.1	32.8	32.3	
CHAMOI	17	16.8		20.3	23.9	25.8	26.4	26.6	
GASCONADE	22	22.5		26.4	29.6	31.3	32.0	32.3	
HERMANN	21	21.4		24.6	28.0	30.1	30.7	31.0	
WASHINGTON	20	16.2		19.0	22.3	25.5	27.5	28.4	
ST. CHARLES	25	20.5		23.6	26.9	30.3	32.8	34.0	

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		STAGE						
GRAND RIVER								
PATTONSBURG	25	34.3		TUE 01 PM	32.7 THIS EVENING			
GALLATIN	26	40.3		TUE 02 PM	38.8 THIS EVENING			
CHILLICOTHE	24	35.7		TUE 02 PM	37.5 EARLY WED. MORNING			
SUMNER	26	37.3		TUE 03 PM	39.7 WEDNESDAY EVENING			
BRUNSWICK	19	25.7		TUE 02 PM	34.0 FRIDAY MORNING			
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	STG	OBS	STG		05/10	05/11	05/12	05/13
MISSISSIPPI RIVER								
GRAFTON	18	17.3		17.5	18.1	18.4	18.7	19.1
ALTON LD 26 TW	21	17.4		18.1	20.7	22.8	23.9	24.4
ST. LOUIS	30	22.5		23.9	27.2	30.5	31.7	32.2
CHESTER	27	24.5		24.1	25.6	28.7	30.7	32.3

**State Actions**

**State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) activated the State Emergency Operations Center at Level-II, and will staff on a 24-hour basis until further notice.**

**Missouri National Guard has been activated, with liaisons going to county EOCs to assist them.**

**Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP)** conducted overflights today (Tuesday) of Missouri River in Holt County area and near Waverly to observe reported levee breaches. **The Patrol is providing security at Big Lake, Troop H on 24/7 shifts, aircraft flying Missouri River checking for levee breaches and flooding problems.** MSHP advises motorists not to attempt to cross a flooded road. It can take as little as 6 inches of floodwater to take a person downstream or as little as 2 feet of water to take a vehicle off the roadway.

**Missouri State Water Patrol rescued/evacuated 25 people from Big Lake, 4 people from Little Blue River, deploying nine officers to KC and Missouri City areas, coordinating with the US Coast Guard for support along Missouri River. The Water Patrol is also assisting with security at Big Lake.**

**Missouri Department of Conservation is moving equipment from river accesses.**

**Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** has staff in its Kansas City office for assistance on wastewater issues

**Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) is working with DNR on Drinking Water and Private well issues. The Department has also issued a news release on health precautions and tetanus shots, which was sent to local public health agencies and posted on the DHSS website.**

**Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)** reports state road closures are mostly minor routes. News releases are being made at the MoDOT district level on road closures. Emergency declaration to waive federal and state regulations for motor carriers to participate in relief efforts completed. MoDOT is also providing barricades and other support to local jurisdictions as possible. **The Department's website now has a blue banner at the top which lists statewide road closures because of flooding.**

**Missouri Department of Corrections (DOC)** is assisting with sandbagging efforts in St Joseph, Boonville, and Jefferson City.

**Office of Administration (OA) is finding resources for communities.**

#### **Federal Agency Actions**

**Army Corps of Engineers**—Assisting various local jurisdictions in affected areas with supplies of sandbags. Officials say they are sending about 100-thousand sandbags to Jefferson City for possible distribution there. Two Liaison Officers are being dispatched to the State EOC to assist in response coordination.

**Coast Guard**—Disaster Assistance responders are on stand-by. A Liaison Officer is reporting to the State EOC to assist in response coordination.

#### **Volunteer Agency Actions**

**American Red Cross**—Assisting with shelter operations in Brunswick and Mound City. **American Red Cross has activated the Citizen Assistance and sheltering information Hotline: 866-GET-Info.**

**Salvation Army**—Sending a canteen to Jefferson City to feed sandbaggers. Ready to send response teams along Missouri River if needed.

**Americorps**—Ready to respond and to activate hotline. That number is 888-377-2100 and is staffed from 9am to 6pm.

#### **Weather**

**National Weather Service (NWS) forecast includes a slight chance of thunderstorms through Thursday. No widespread severe weather is expected, although some isolated storms may produce scattered rain, especially in eastern Missouri. Tonight's low should be around 60 with Wednesday's high around 80 degrees.**

**Point of Contact:**

**Calls to the SEOC can be made at 573-526-9100. This number will be staffed on a 24-hour basis until further notice.**

This Situation Report and other storm-related information may be viewed at the following web address:

<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/Situation%20Reports.htm>